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REGION X



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REPLY TO ATTN OF:

November 1, 1991

FILE NOTE

SUBJECT: Cypress Thompson Creek Mine

NPDES Permit # ID-002540-2

FROM:

Donald E. Gibbins

NPDES Coordinator, IOO

On October 31, I received a follow-up telephone call from Bert Doughty regarding the mercury violations discussed with Joe Wallace and documented in a file note dated October 25, 1991.

Doughty said that after putting the September sampling on a spread sheet he noticed that most all of their samples after 9/16/91 were showing mercury, including the ones from creeks above the mine. He believes the lab may be having a contamination problem. He plans to talk to the lab about it, and he will send us a letter about this matter.

cc: Lisa Macchio, WD-134 Joe Wallace, IOO